The quartic Higgs self-coupling at future hadron colliders

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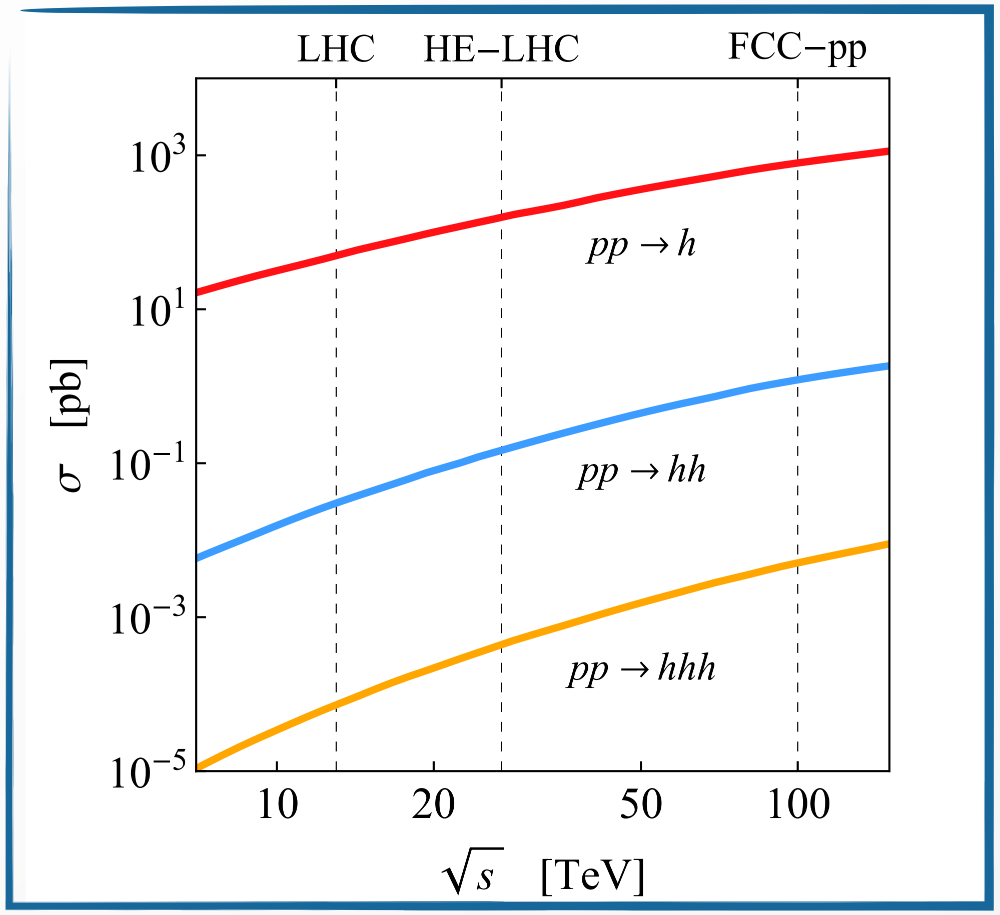

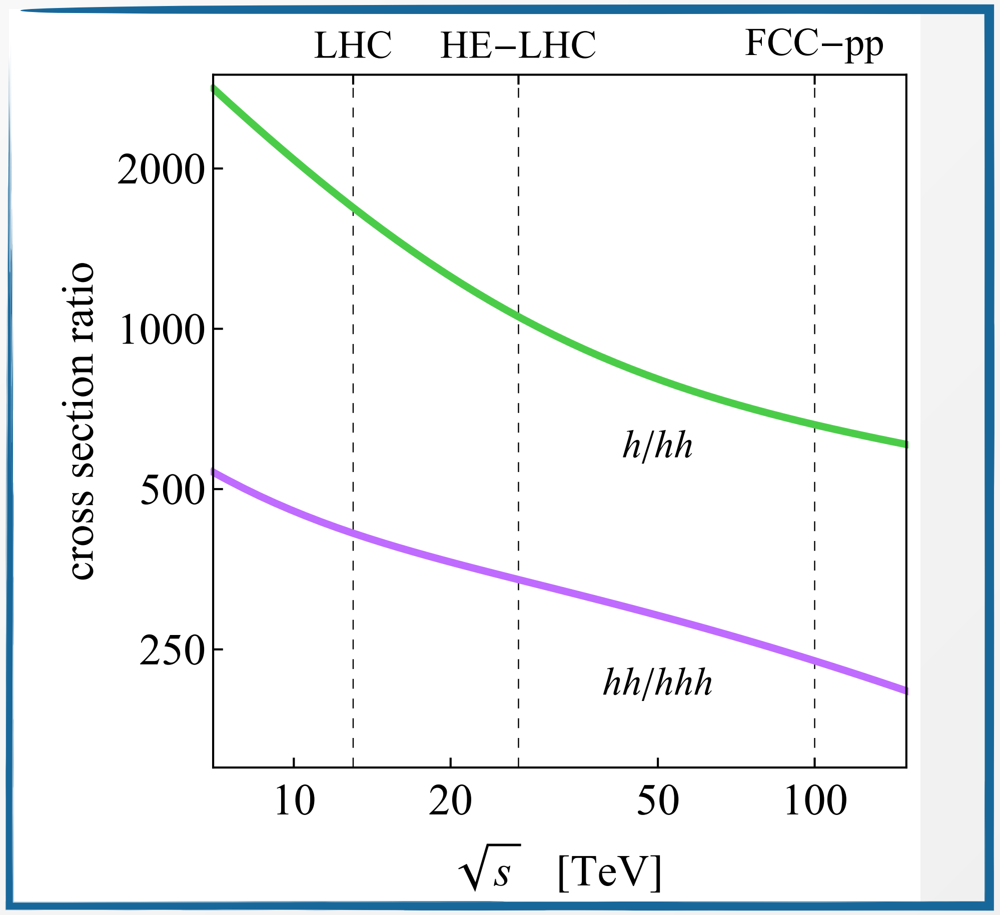

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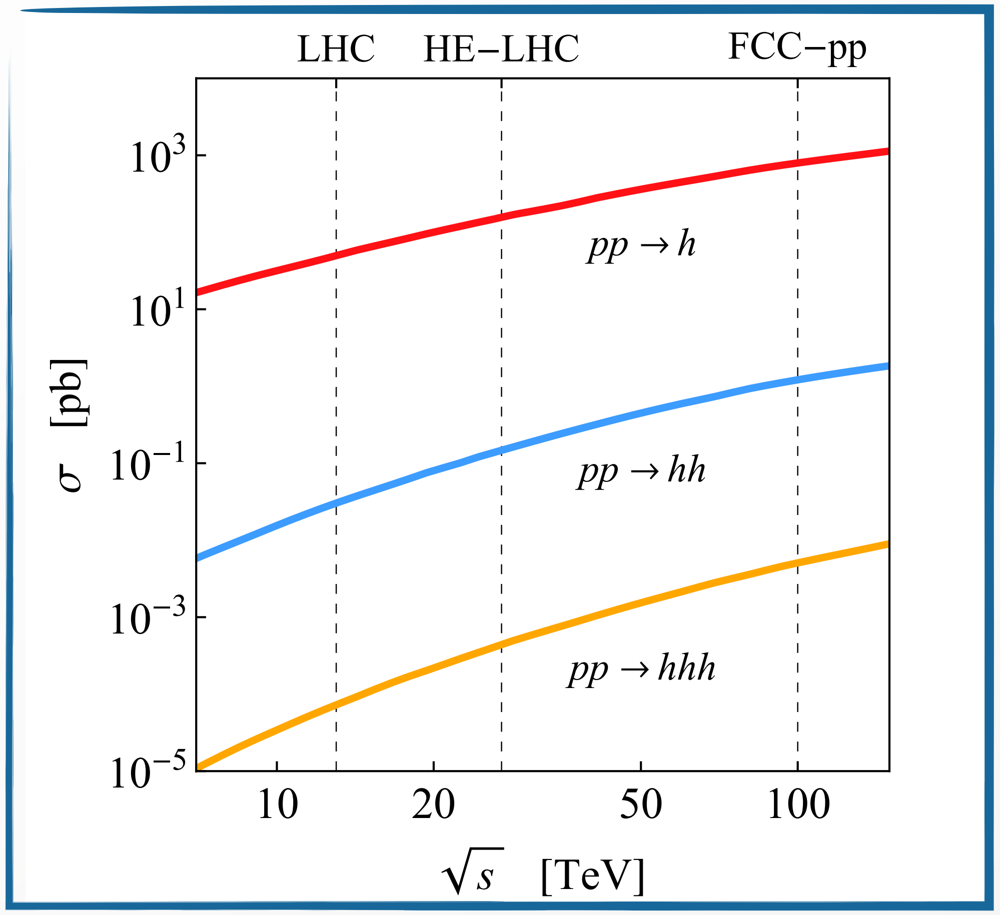

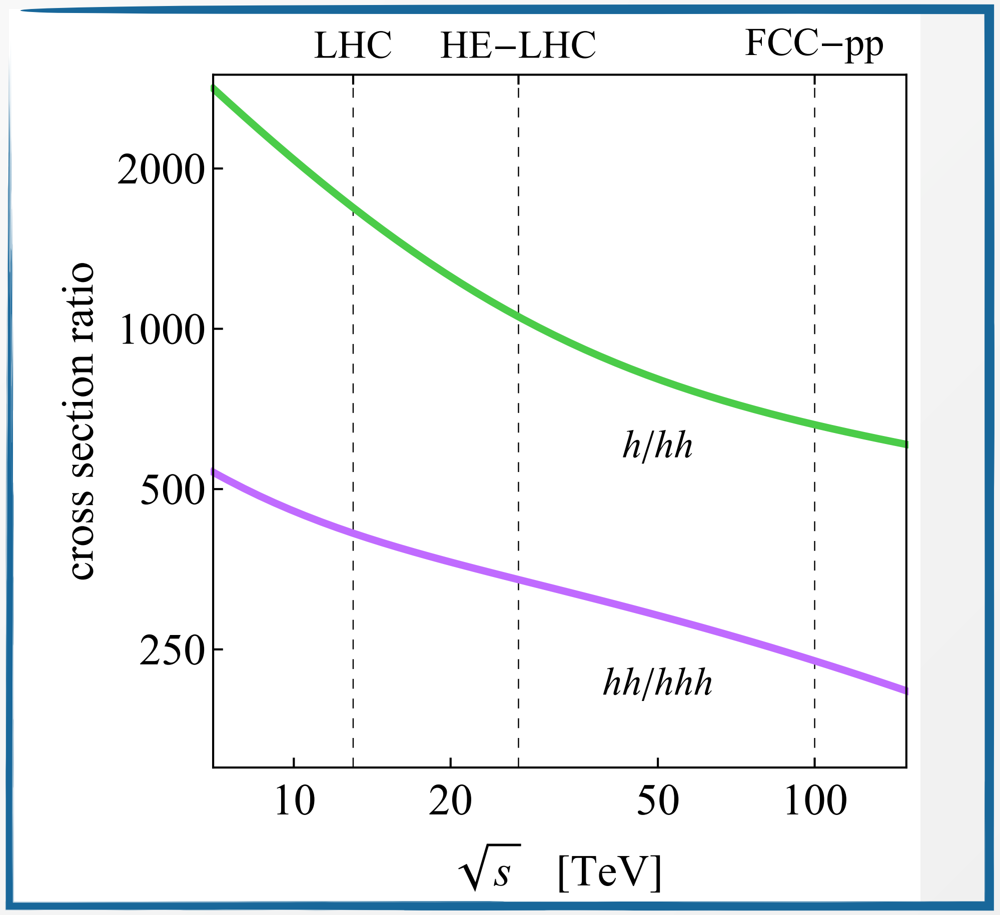

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Indirect constraints on the quartic Higgs self-coupling from double-Higgs production measurements

Idea already explored in the literature to constrain the trilinear coupling

Talk by Davide Pagani

SM effective field theory (EFT)

$$V \supset \kappa_3 \lambda v h^3 + \kappa_4 \frac{\lambda}{4} h^4$$

$\kappa_3, \kappa_4 \neq 1$ if physics beyond SM is present

Consider operators of dimension 6 and 8 in the SMEFT

$$\mathcal{L}_{\rm SMEFT} \supset \mathcal{O}_6 + \mathcal{O}_8 = -\frac{\bar{c}_6}{v^2} \left|H\right|^6 - \frac{\bar{c}_8}{v^4} \left|H\right|^8$$

$$\kappa_3 = 1 + \Delta\kappa_3 = 1 + \bar{c}_6 + 2\bar{c}_8 \qquad \kappa_4 = 1 + \Delta\kappa_4 = 1 + 6\bar{c}_6 + 16\bar{c}_8$$

No assumption about the actual size of $\bar{c}_6$ and $\bar{c}_8$: cubic and quartic Higgs self-couplings can deviate independently from the SM predictions

If O_6 is the only numerically relevant operator, strong correlation

$$\Delta\kappa_4 = 6\Delta\kappa_3$$

Anatomy of double-Higgs production

$$\mathscr{A}(gg \to hh) = \delta^{a_1 a_2} \epsilon_1^{\mu}(p_1)\epsilon_2^{\nu}(p_2)\left(\sum_{m=1}^{2} T_{m\mu\nu}\mathscr{F}_m \right)$$

[Glover, der Bij 1988]

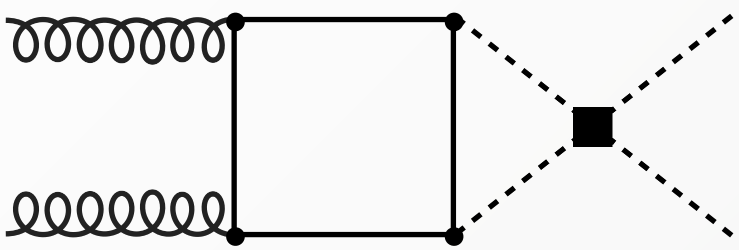
$$T_{1\,\mu\nu} = \eta_{\mu\nu} - \frac{p_{1\,\nu} p_{2\,\mu}}{p_1 \cdot p_2} \qquad T_{2\,\mu\nu} = \eta_{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{p_T^2\,(p_1 \cdot p_2)} \left(m_h^2 p_{1\,\nu} p_{2\,\mu} - 2\,(p_1 \cdot p_3)\, p_{2\,\mu} p_{3\,\nu} - 2\,(p_2 \cdot p_3)\, p_{1\,\nu} p_{3\,\mu} + 2\,(p_1 \cdot p_2)\, p_{3\,\mu} p_{3\,\nu} \right)$$

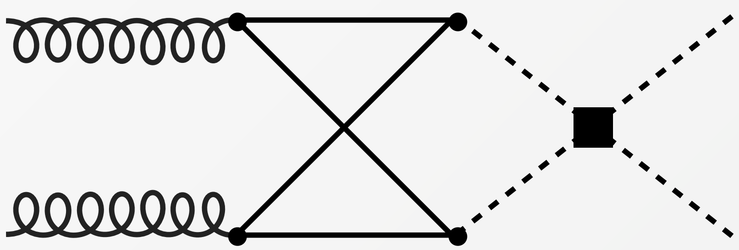
$$\sigma_{\text{LO}} = \sigma_0 \int dt(|\mathscr{F}_1|^2 + |\mathscr{F}_2|^2)$$

Double-Higgs production now know at NLO QCD with mass dependence
[1604.06447,1608.04798,1703.09252] [1811.05692]

NNLO QCD with mass dependence at NLO QCD
[1803.02463]

Two-loop form factor (1)

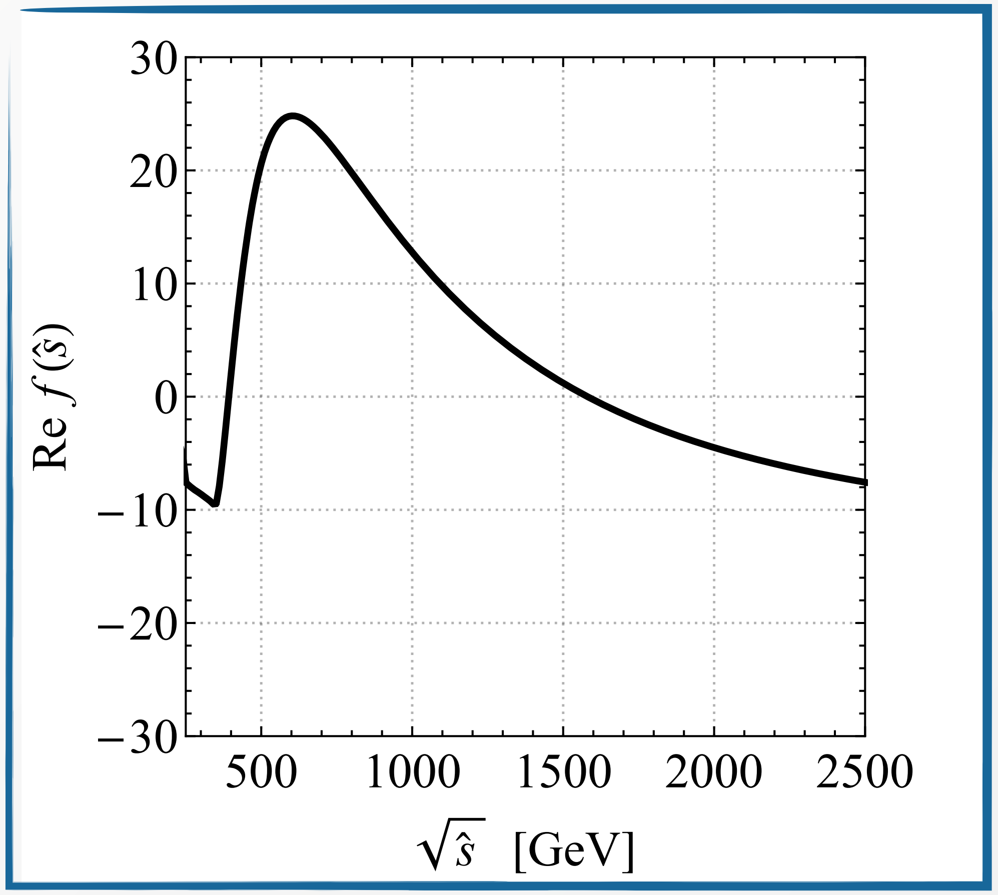


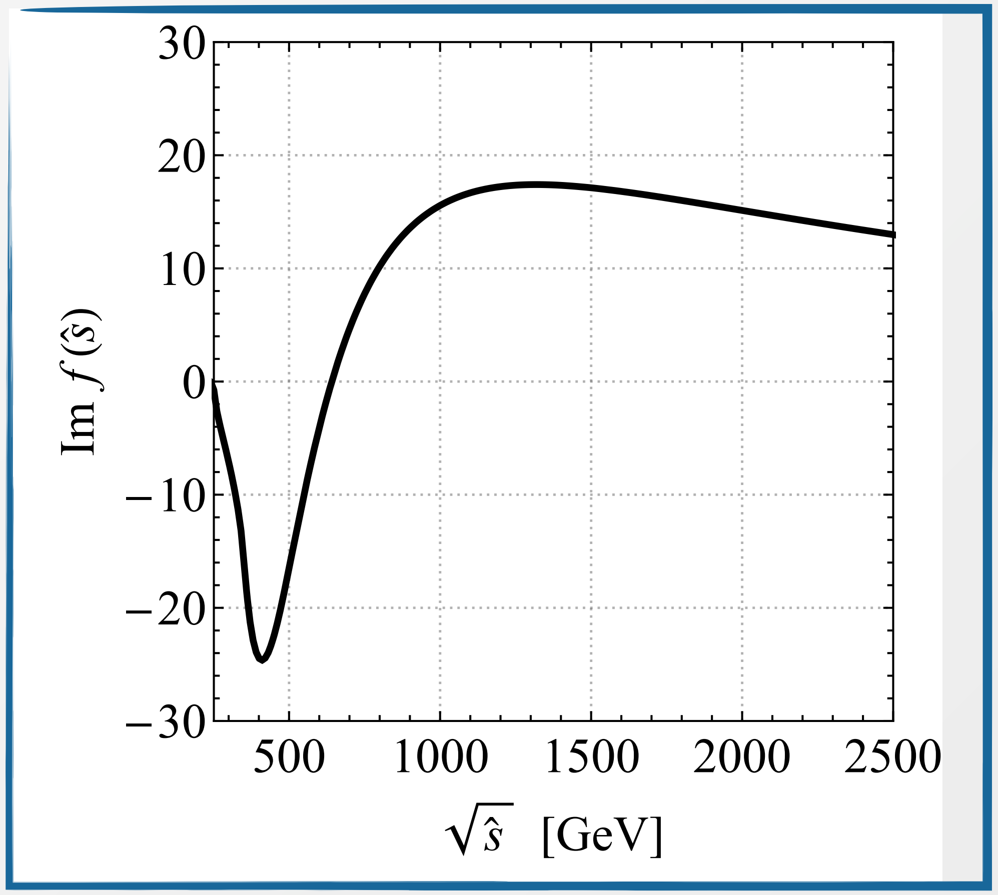


$$\Delta \mathcal{F}_1^{\kappa_4} = \frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi} \frac{\lambda \kappa_4}{(4\pi)^2} \, y_t^2 \, f(\hat{s}) \qquad \Delta \mathcal{F}_2^{\kappa_4} = 0$$

Two-loop integrals evaluated numerically using pySecDec package

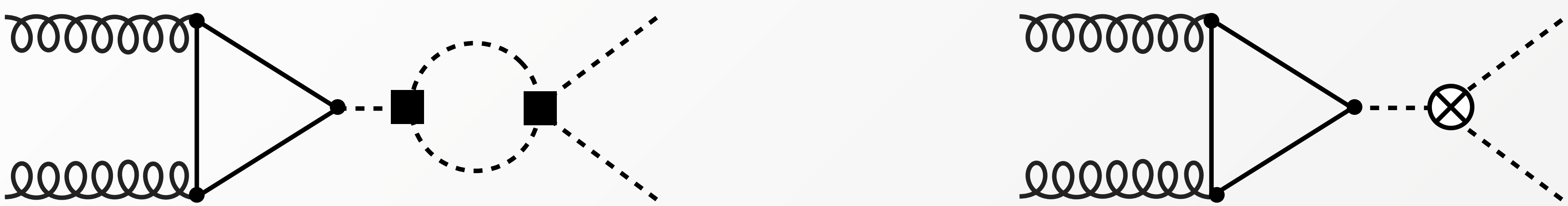
[1204.4152,1502.06595,1703.09692]





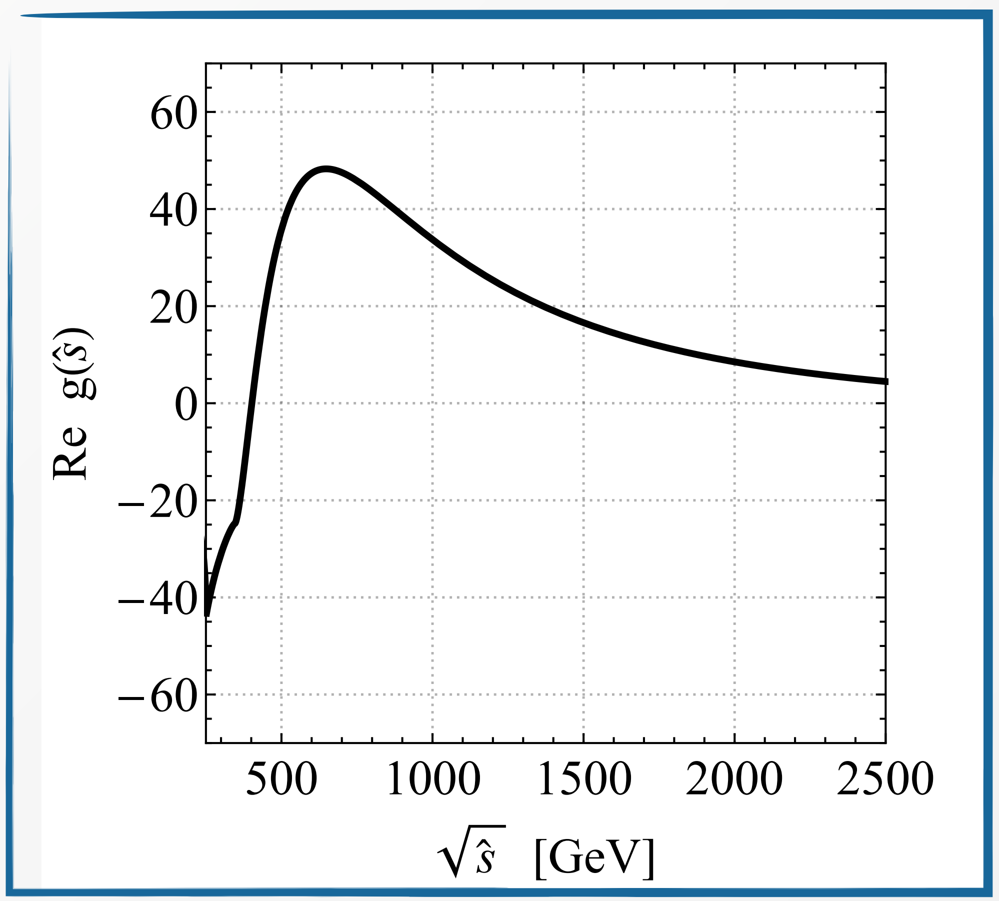
Two-loop form factor (2)

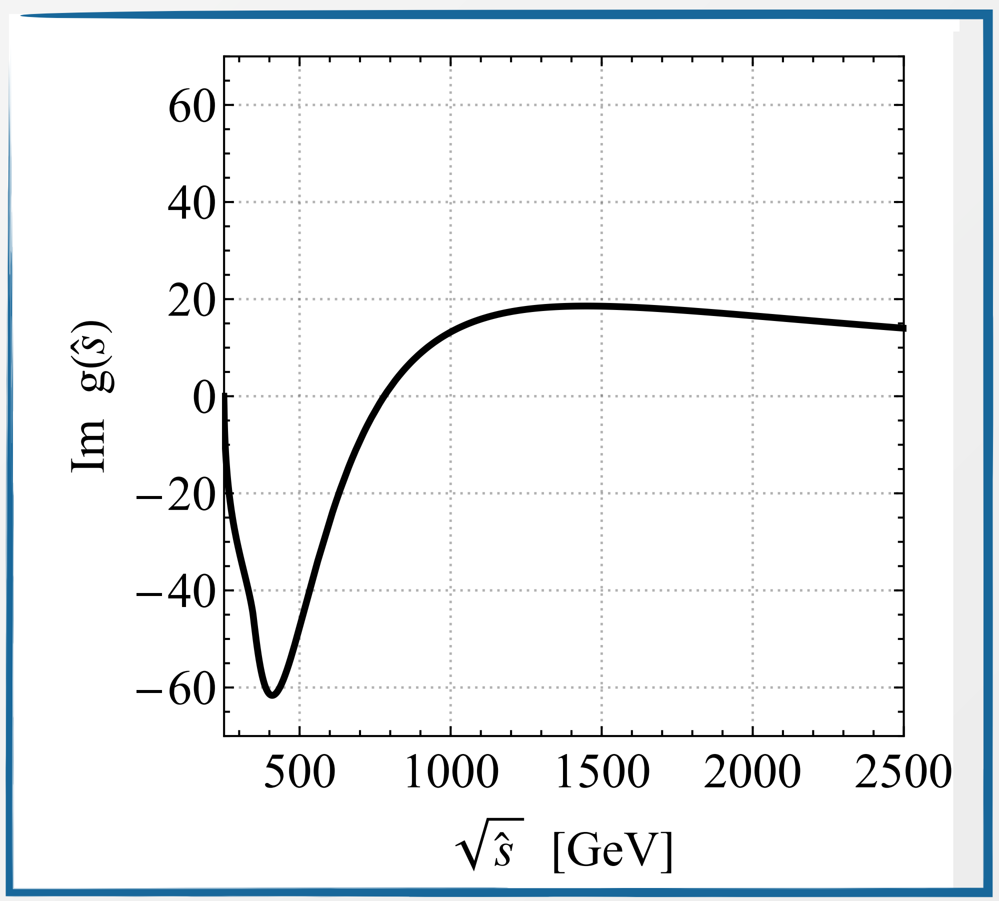
[1802.07616,1803.04359]



$$\Delta\mathscr{F}_1^{\kappa_3\kappa_4} = \frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi}\,\lambda\,\kappa_3\,\frac{\lambda\,\kappa_4}{(4\pi)^2}\,g(\hat{s}) \qquad \Delta\mathscr{F}_2^{\kappa_3\kappa_4} = 0$$

Function $g(s)$ can be calculated analytically





Results for double- and triple-Higgs production

Double-Higgs production: numerical results obtained using a customized version of `POWHEG-BOX` of the NLO QCD calculation [1604.06447,1608.04798,1703.09252]

$b\bar{b}\gamma\gamma$ final state:

estimated total uncertainty (th+exp)

15% (HE-LHC, 15 ab^{-1}), 5% (FCC-pp, 30 ab^{-1})

Triple-Higgs production: numerical results obtained using `MadGraph5_amc@NLO`; NLO QCD corrections obtained applying an overall normalization [1408.6542]

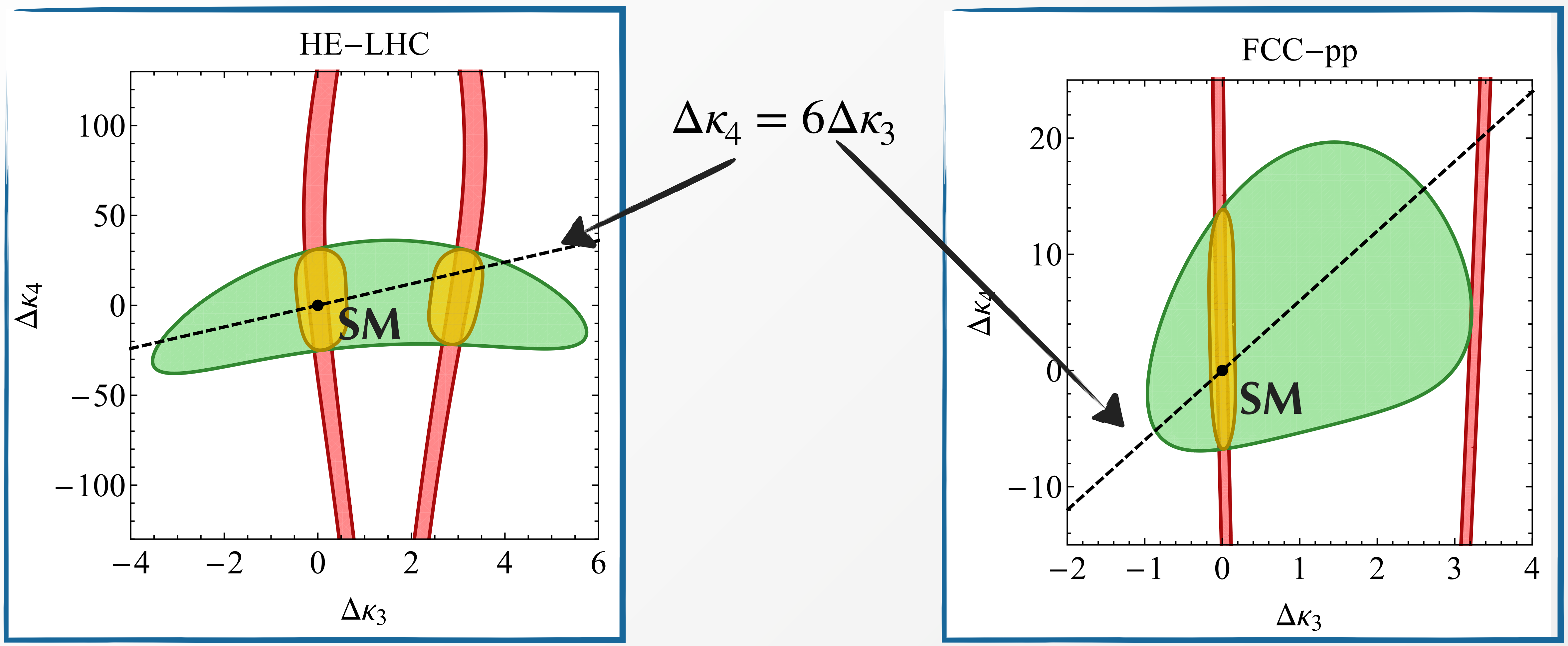
$b\bar{b}b\bar{b}\gamma\gamma$ final state:

simulations of relevant backgrounds ($b\bar{b}b\bar{b}\gamma\gamma, hhb\bar{b}$) within selection cuts [1508.06524][1606.09408]

HE-LHC, 15 ab^{-1}: exclusion of triple-Higgs production cross-section 11 x (SM value)

FCC-pp, 30 ab^{-1}: exclusion of triple-Higgs production cross-section 2 x (SM value)

Inclusive double- and triple-Higgs production



Red and green areas: limits from measurements of **double-Higgs** and **triple-Higgs** production

Yellow region $\Delta\chi^2 = 5.99$ (95% CL for a gaussian distribution)

$\kappa_4 \in [-21,29]$

$\kappa_4 \in [-5,14]$

in agreement with [1606.09408]

large modifications due to O_6 only or both O_6, O_8

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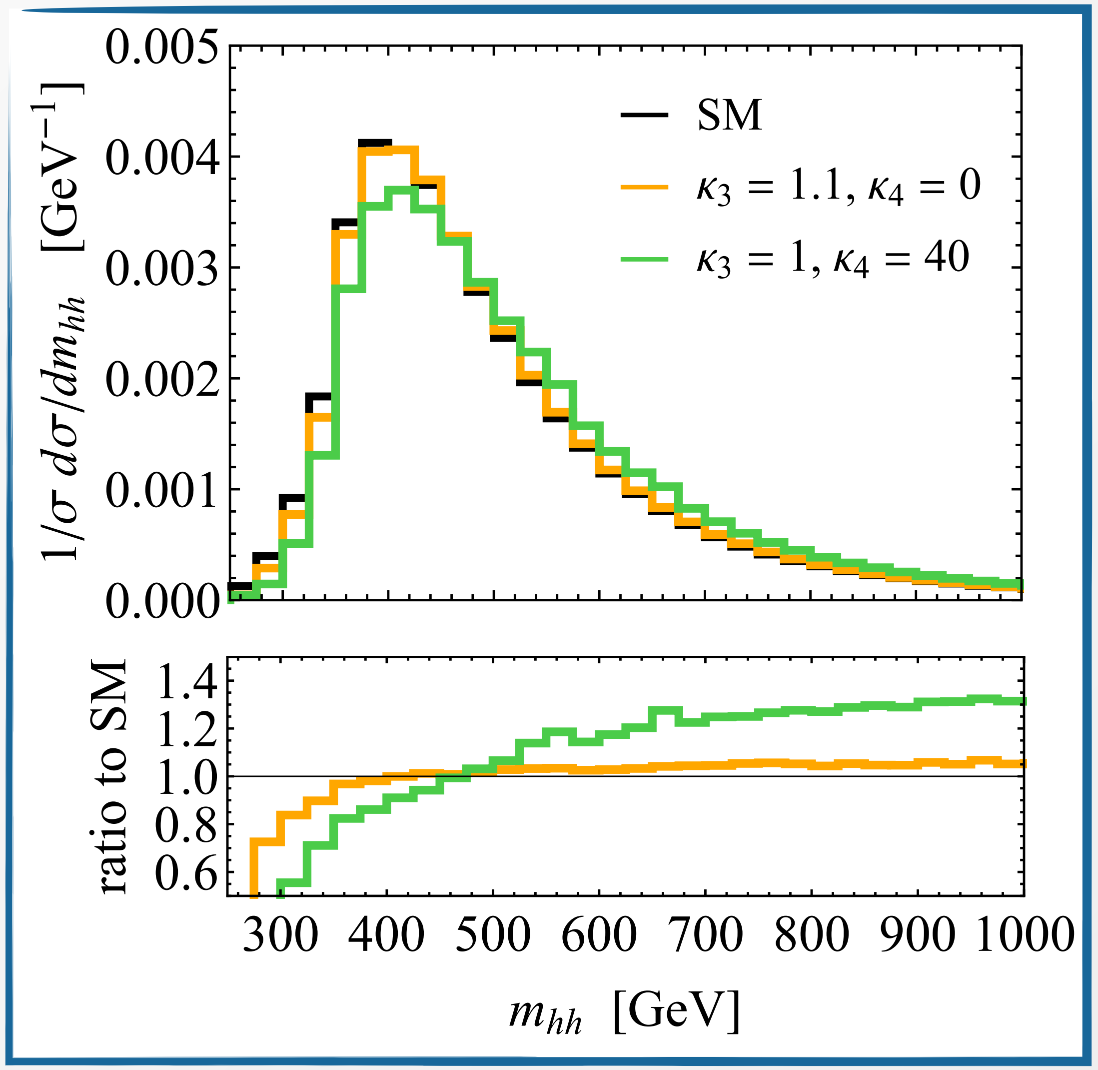
Differential distributions in double-Higgs production

Precise measurement of differential distributions may resolve ambiguities or flat directions

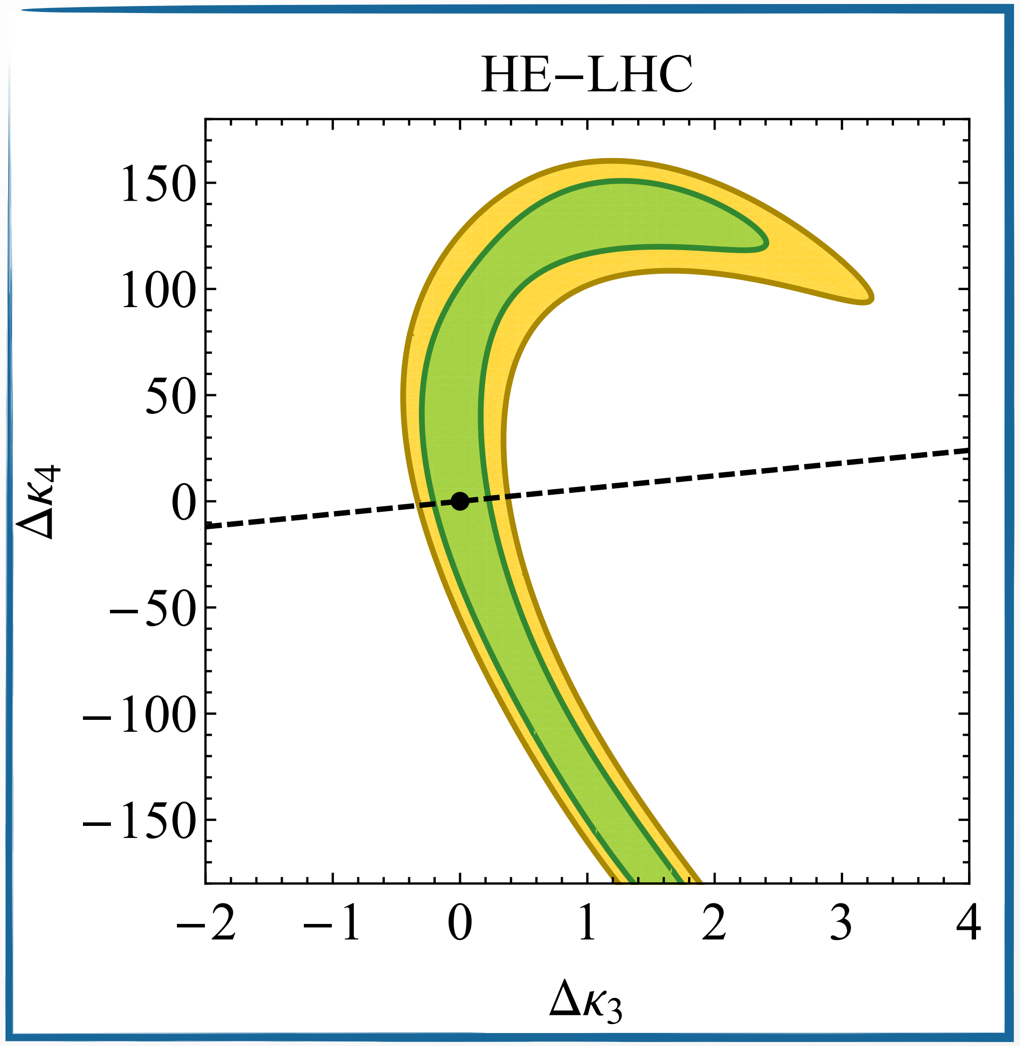
$$\left.\begin{array}{l}\kappa_3 = 1.1, \quad \kappa_4 = 0 \\ \\ \kappa_3 = 1, \quad \kappa_4 = 40\end{array}\right\}$$ double-Higgs production rate decreases by ~10%

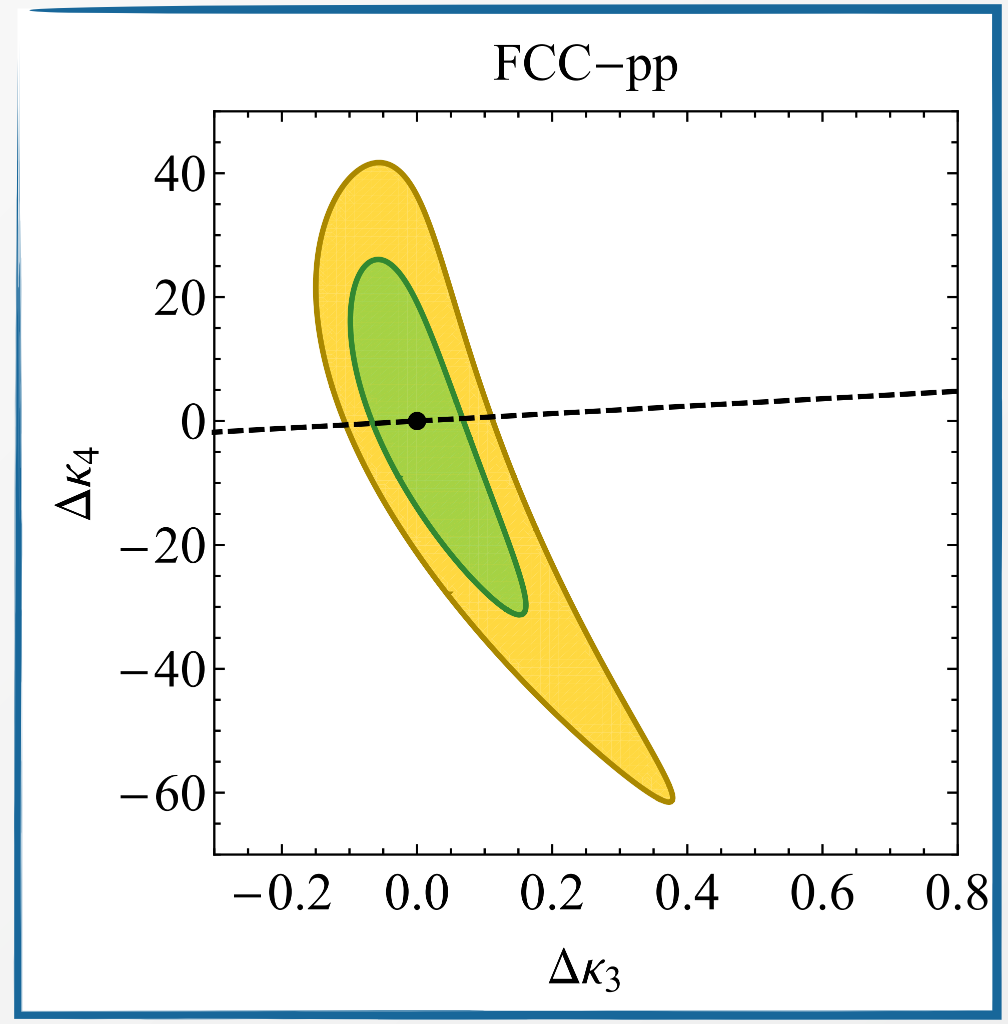


Shape analysis performed with `POWHEG-BOX+Pythia8` to include parton shower effects

No background estimate, CL curves mimic more sophisticated analysis which include simulation of all relevant backgrounds [1802.04319]

Differential distribution fit





Degeneracy observed in the triple-Higgs production case now absent

Bounds weaker than triple-Higgs production measurements

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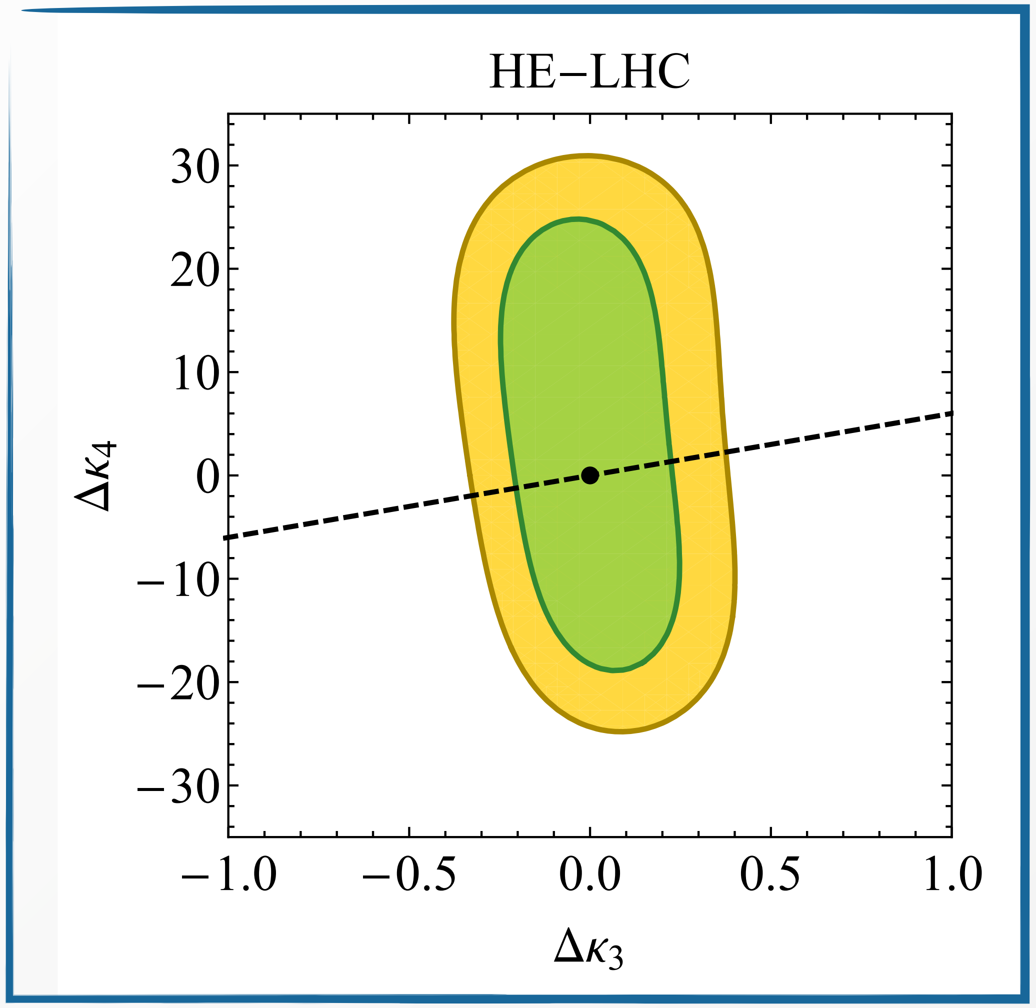
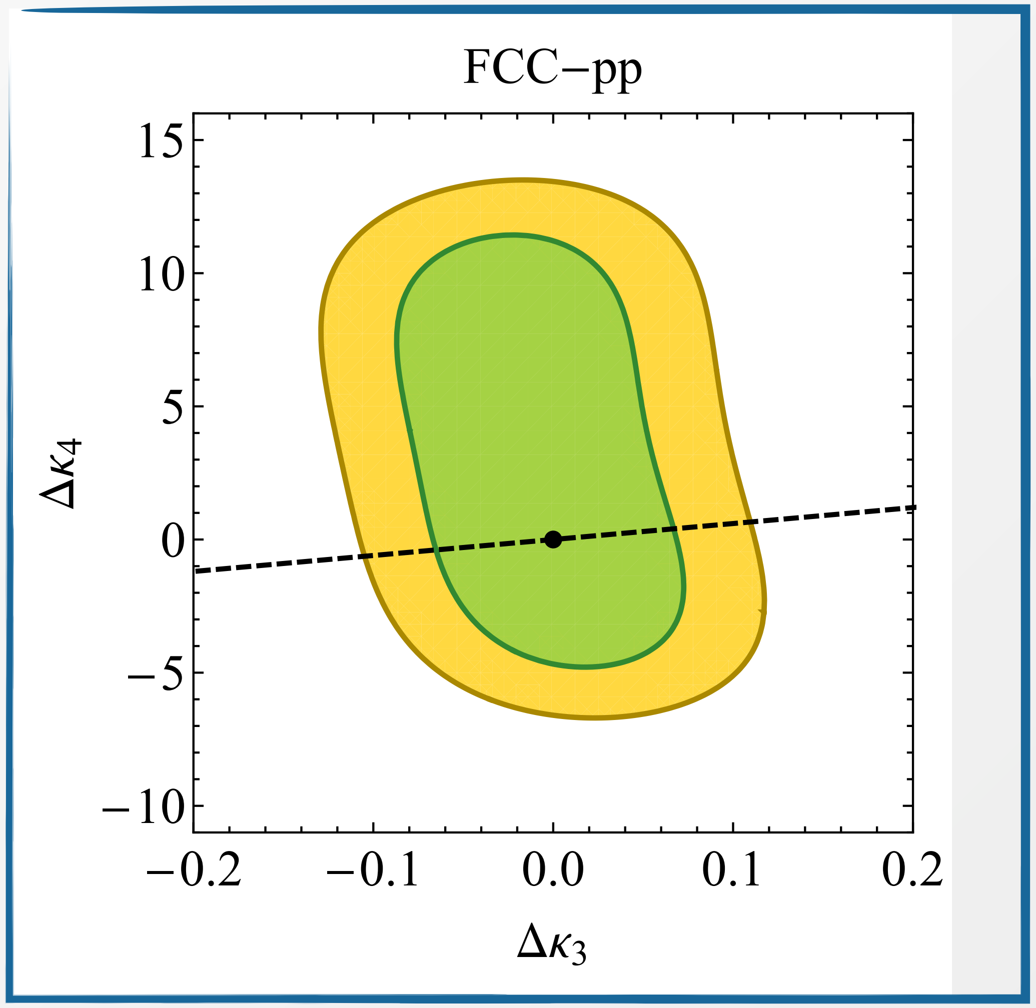
$\kappa_4 \in [-27,25]$

Global fit

Combined constraints using *hh* differential distributions and inclusive *hhh* production





$\kappa_3 = 1$	$\kappa_4 \in [-20,29]$	$\kappa_3 = 1$	$\kappa_4 \in [-5,13]$
Profiling over κ_3	$\kappa_4 \in [-17,25]$	Profiling over κ_3	$\kappa_4 \in [-4,12]$

Recapitulation

- We studied indirect constraints on the quartic Higgs self-coupling in double-Higgs production measurement at future colliders
- Differential measurements in *pp*→*hh* channel alone expected to lead to somewhat weaker determinations of quartic Higgs self-coupling than inclusive *pp*→*hhh* production
- Combined measurements of differential distributions in double-Higgs production and inclusive triple-Higgs production: $\kappa_4 \in [-17,25]$ (HE-LHC), $\kappa_4 \in [-4,12]$ (FCC-pp)
- Results can be compared to hypothetical constraints from HE e^+e^- machines: ILC-500 ($\kappa_4 \in [-11,13]$), ILC-3000 ($\kappa_4 \in [-5,7]$), finding comparable potential for FCC-pp and ILC-3000 **[1802.07616][1803.04359]**